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School debates Campbell sale

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

The Cass City Board of Education will decide next month whether to sell the Campbell Elementary School building this year rather than wait until the end of a 3-year lease agreement district officials have signed with a dental group planning to utilize the structure.

Board members discussed the sale at length during their regular monthly meeting Monday night after school Supt. Jeff Hartel announced that representatives of the newlyformed Thumb Area Dental Clinic have expressed an interest in purchasing the former school now for \$85,000, the price discussed earlier this year when the dental group requested a lease agreement with an option to purchase the building.

The dental group is composed of roughly 30 Thumb area dentists who are planning to set up shop in the school and open a new, non-profit clinic that will improve access to dental care for underserved children and adults in the region.

Under the lease agreement, the dental group will make lease payments of \$500 per month to the district for

by Clarke Haire

Publisher

Cass City officials took some baby

steps during a regular monthly meet-

ing of the village council Monday to

up employment locally, while

announcing the village's own work-

brief public hearing Monday, the

council unanimously approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFT)

request for Micro EDM Machine &

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force has endured a major loss.

Council okays

tax abatement

use of the west wing of the building, plus its share of utility expenses.

Caro dentist Dr. Dennis Spillane approached the board with the proposal, saying the participating dentists intend to fund the venture with their own resources along with grant dollars.

Hartel told the board Monday that he believes the building sale could be approved now with an agreement on both sides that would give school officials the first right to buy back the building in the future, provide school officials with use of the gym, and allow the district to use space for its daycare program in the future if needed.

"They want it to be successful on both ends. They are truly a partner with us," Hartel said of the dental group's flexibility in negotiating terms of a sale.

"To me, if we're going to sell it, let's do it and move on. That's my personal opinion," Hartel said, noting the school would retain ownership of the playground and parking lot. "I don't think we're going to get a higher quality buyer than what we have on the table right now."

According to Hartel, selling the Please turn to page 12.

MEMBERS OF THE Cass City High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Laura Curtis, perform for Cass City Elementary School students in conjunction with Music In Our Schools Month. (See story, page 8)

Step pay, stipend approved

-G teachers have new pact

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Teachers in the Owen-Gage School District are working under a new contract that will remain in effect through the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Representatives of the local teachers union and the Owen-Gage Board tion of the Campbell Elementary of Education hammered out the final Wencel characterized as productive negotiation sessions.

"It was pretty hassle-free. We had some good debates at the table, but it was all cordial," Wencel said.

The district's 14 teachers had been working without a contract. The instructors' last 2-year labor agreement expired in June.

Under the new contract, a districtwide freeze in "step" pay increases based on years of service was lifted for this year only, meaning a teacher who is in his or her third year of service to the school but was being paid at the first-step level will now receive the pay of a third-year

Step pay increases have been frozen for the past 2 years and will be frozen again in the second year of the new contact for teachers who are at step 12 or under, Wencel noted.

"The insurance didn't change, except they have the option of taking

them," Wencel said. He explained out the Huron Intermediate School that the second option carries a high- District. er deductible but reduces employees' out-of-pocket cost.

The new contract also calls for all teachers to receive a one-time Owen-Gage teachers ranged from stipend of \$300, similar to the bonus paid to non-instructional personnel in December, according to the school for a teacher with 12 years of experisuperintendent.

details for the 2-year pact during a to us, and the board wanted to do credit. Rose St., to the Planning handful of what school Supt. Jim something for them," said Wencel, who added Owen-Gage teachers' ed by Michigan's new Right-tosalaries remain at the lower end of Work law, which enables union scale compared to districts through-

"The board wishes we could pay them more. They're good people.

Under the last contract, pay for \$32,512 for a first-year instructor with a bachelor's degree, to \$56,312 ence and a master's degree plus an "All of our employees are valuable additional 30 hours of educational

The new contract will not be affect-Please turn to page 8.

Study ranks healthiest counties across nation

by Tom Montgomery Editor

counties are living healthier northwest Michigan in the Lower lifestyles overall than many of their Peninsula — was ranked as the numcounterparts across the state. But there's still room for improvement.

According to the fourth annual County Health Rankings, released last week by the University of Wisconsin Population Health ranked 32nd, while Tuscola came in Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Michigan

improving health factors and outcomes, but they still need work.

For the second year in a row, Residents in the Thumb's upper 3 Leelanau County — located in ber one healthiest among the state's 83 counties. Wayne County fell to the unhealthiest county after remain-

ing low for the last 4 years. In the Thumb, Sanilac County was

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The 50-percent tax abatement, for a 12-year period, will apply to the purchase of a Swiss Lathe valued at

\$99,500. "The new equipment will add 5 jobs and increase the customer base and sales for the company. It's a win-win for the village and Mirco EDM," Village Manger Peter Cristiano told

Turning to a rezoning request, trustee Jenny Zawilinski's motion to refer the changing of the classifica-

the half dozen citizens in attendance.

School building, located at 6627 Commission was quickly approved. The rezoning, from RA-1 to OS-1, will permit the school to lease a portion of the building to the Thumb Area Dental Clinic (TADC).

In a letter to the village, Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel reports the First the good news. Following a district is in the process of leasing out the west end of Campbell Elementary to the TADC for a 3-year period with an option to buy the entire building at the end of the

As was the case with the IFT, Cristiano says the zoning reclassification will bring needed jobs to the community

BITTERSWEET

During Cristiano's manager's report to the council, he announced long-time Cass City Parks and Recreation Director Sam Moore has been selected as the new city admin

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39th and Huron County, 42nd. While the numbers are not staggera different plan which is cheaper for counties are actively working on

Cass City native pens sequel to "Acquisition"

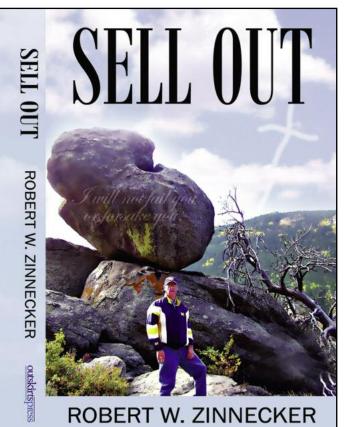
Wilson McCann is a high-powered CEO whose personal priorities were severely out of whack. He lost his company, his found God. Three years later, the nation's economic deterioration impacts his friends' livelihood, and the investors in his new company threaten to sell out. A national telecommunications firm vies with an unscrupulous hedge fund operator to acquire McCann's company. and McCann comes face-to-face with the need to commit totally to his faith and his company - to "sell out" to God and the beautiful woman God has sent to stand beside him

Set against the backdrop of greed-driven corporate espionage, the potential collapse of the nation's financial system, and misplaced priorities, Sell Out is the compelling story of a man seeking to know what it means to love God with all of his heart, soul, mind

BOB ZINNECKER is a 55-year veteran of the ommunications industry. He spent 33 years with CONTEL Corporation, managing operations in Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and New York, prior to leading the New York State Telecommunications Association. He

currently operates a consulting service, providing practical management assistance for today's changing world Bob is a Senior Certified Professional Manager and is a charter member of the Institute of Certified Professional Managers. He is the author of Acquisition, a Christian fictional novel set in the telecommunications industry. He has written numerous articles and devotionals that have been published in religious and business media. Bob has four grown children and eight grandchildren. He and his wife, Elaine, reside in Penfield, New Yo

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Editor

A Cass City native has again drawn on his extensive professional background as well as memories of growing up in the Thumb to weave a tale of personal struggle in his latest Christian fictional novel, "Sell Out".

by Tom Montgomery

Outskirts Press, which released Bob Zinnecker's debut novel, "Acquisition" in 2011, is also publishing his latest work, which is expected to be on bookstore shelves any day now.

"Author Bob Zinnecker takes his fictional hero, Wilson McCann, on a quest to sort out what it means to 'sell out' to God, his company and a beautiful woman who loves him in 'Sell Out'," an Outskirts Press press release states.

"Sell Out' takes readers along with McCann through one of the most turbulent times in our nation's economic history. It's 2008 and the financial system is declining into recession. Matching wits with an unscrupulous hedge fund operator who will stop at nothing, including attempted murder and corporate espionage, McCann struggles to hold onto his company while grappling with an inability to commit...to God, to his investors

and to the beautiful woman who loves him. "Zinnecker uses his 55 years of experience in leading successful organizations to show the impacts of financial collapse on everyone from big city investment bankers to small town farmers," the release states. "At the same time, his characters explore what it means to respond to the Bible's challenge to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Zinnecker, who wrote much of his second novel while dealing with a struggle of his own — recovery from back surgery to repair a disintegrated disc — says many of the characters from "Acquisition" are in "Sell

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Still time to enroll for spring quarter at Baker

Monday, April 1, there is still time City this spring include human serto enroll for career-focused programs at Baker College of Cass City, administration, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint. Registration is ongoing through the first week of classes.

With spring quarter beginning offered at Baker College of Cass and computer technology options.

receptionist, medical insurance spe- City at (989) 872-6000. Students cialist, medical assistant, pharmacy may also schedule an appointment technician, early childhood educa- via Some of the career programs tion, computer information systems website: www.baker.edu.

Many financial assistance opportuvice, business management, business nities are available. For more informedical mation, call Baker College of Cass

Deadline approaching for 4-H Council Scholarships

The deadline is approaching for the receive this scholarship. Huron County 4-H Council Scholarship applications.

The 4-H council will be awarding 4 \$100 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Students who have 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Suite 200, college/trade school are eligible to on 4-H Youth Development (left side 2699949 (ext. 604).

Two letters of recommendation are required. Students may pick up an as at the MSU Extension Office,

on the home page).

Applications and letters of recomapplication from Huron County high mendation must be turned in to the school guidance counselors, as well Huron County MSU Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 1. For more information or an applicamade outstanding achievements in 4- Bad Axe, or go online to tion form, contact the MSU H work and are planning to attend www.msue.msu.edu/huron and click Extension - Huron County at (989)

Story Times scheduled at Rawson Memorial Library

District Library are right around the April from 10 to 10:30 a.m. from 10 to 11 a.m. Caregivers need

Story Times at Rawson Memorial will be held Tuesday mornings in be held Thursday mornings in April Caregivers attend with the child. The not attend, but must remain in the The toddler class, for ages 2 to 3, preschool class, for ages 3 to 5, will

Good Friday services scheduled at CCUM

A Community Good Friday Service will be held at the Cass City United Methodist Church (located 1 1/4 miles north of the downtown stoplight) at 1 p.m., March 29.

This service is sponsored by the Cass City Ministerial Association. Twelve men will take on the role of Jesus' Disciples. The Thumb Ringers Hand Bell choir will play. Everyone is welcome to attend.

An Evening Good Friday Worship Service, sponsored by the Cass City United Methodist Church, will be held at 7 p.m., also March 29. This service will be different from the earlier service. It is an opportunity for those who may not have had a chance to attend a service earlier in the day to be part of the Good Friday experience.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-3422.



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library during the hour-long session. Rawson Library's Smart Start Story Times teach creative expression, social skills, listening comprehension, and the foundations of reading through letter and number recognition and vocabulary building.

Sign up your children for these sessions at the circulation desk or by calling (989) 872-2856. Limited space is available for each session.

Several area residents on honors list

Officials at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, recently released the school's fall semester honors list, which includes several students in the Cass City area who earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

They are:

•Cass City — sophomore Amanda Clifton, senior Heather L. Depcinski, freshman Kelsey M. Dillon, sophomore Krista A. Guinther, freshman Rebecca L. Hacker, sophomore Sterling O. Herrmann, junior Amanda M. Kaake and senior Carl W. Nicol.

•Caro — junior Kayla L. Jamieson, sophomore Chelsea A. Kozar, senior Allison M. MacKenzie, sophomore Troy Mullin, sophomore Elise C. Pelletier, sophomore Jake A. Sattelberg, senior Kyle J. Schian, junior Haley L. Tomlinson, sophomore Ashley S. Williams, junior Katherine M. Wojewoda, and sophomore Sarah B. Zmierski.

•Kingston — freshman Gary H.

•Owendale — senior Nickol A. Shetler.

•Snover — freshman Kelsey M. Roggenbuck and senior Ashley L.

•Ubly — senior Alexander M. Osentoski and sophomore Laura S. Warner.

Hills & Dales hosting Gentle *Therapeutic* Yoga Classes

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Classes at the hos-

Series one will be held Mondays beginning March 18 and will run for 5 weeks. Series 2 will be held Thursdays beginning March 28 and will run for 5 weeks. All classes will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per series. The class fee can be paid on the first night of class. Cash or checks payable to Hills and Dales General Hospital are accepted. Participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing that allows the body to

move freely. Space is limited, so participants are asked to sign up ahead of time by calling the Community Education Department at (989) 912-6365.

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OPINION.

Clarke Haire Publisher

Tom Montgomery Editor

State's a leader in autism awareness

Michigan residents typically celebrate April by getting back outdoors as Old Man Winter finally loosens his grip on the state.

April is also Autism Awareness Month, and residents whose lives have been affected by this disorder in the Great Lakes State have plenty to celebrate, thanks to efforts that are making Michigan a leader in promoting awareness of autism and launching programs designed to help families obtain the support they need.

Last year, the state implemented legislation requiring insurance companies to provide autism treatment coverage for children.

More recently, the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Autism Council released the Michigan Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) State Plan, which represents another major step in addressing the needs of the estimated 16,000 students with ASD in the state's public schools and the 50,000 individuals and their families living with ASD in Michigan.

Specifically, the plan targets improvements in service and resource coordination; family engagement and involvement; early identification and intervention services; educational supports and services; adult supports and services; physical, mental and behavioral health care; and training and professional development.

Autism is a neurological impairment that causes significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

Autism falls under the diagnosis of ASD, a group of 5 brain disorders that are complex and affect individuals at varying degrees. ASD includes autism, Asperger syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, and Rett syndrome.

Each person with ASD has a unique set of characteristics, but most of them will have difficulty socializing with others, communicating verbally or non-verbally, and behaving appropriately in a variety of settings. The disorder can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues, although many people with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art.

In Michigan, roughly 50,000 individuals have ASD the estimate is one in 88 children nationwide. To put the numbers into perspective, experts say more children are diagnosed with autism each year than with juvenile diabetes, AIDS or cancer, combined.

Boys are almost 5 times more likely than girls to be diagnosed with ASD, the disorder occurs in all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups and is a lifelong disability. ASD is also the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the country.

Which makes the efforts in Michigan to deal with the challenges inherent in ASD even more vital for thousands of families.

Slices of Life



by Jill Pertler Death of the dishwasher



than a decade. I guess if I'm going to come clean, I shoulder most of the responsibility for the spotty patches. Relationships require a certain amount of effort; I wasn't consistent about the maintenance needed to keep things running smoothly. I realized I was being lax, but just sort of took things for granted. It happens to the best of us – when it comes to our appliances.

- even years - at a time. He did the job he was pur- visit chased to do. I supplied him with dirty dishes and 97 design.home.mchsi.com/. minutes later relieved him of clean ones.

We had a perfect relationship – from my perspective. Until spots appeared. Not in front of my eyes, but on cups, plates and silverware. The first time this occurred, I learned spotty dishes are often caused by a phenomenon known as clogged dishwasher jets. The remedy for unclogging jets involves cleaning the dishwasher which is perhaps the most counter-intuitive task I've encountered in years. Since I've never considered myself pro-clog (unless we're talking about footwear) I vowed to stay on top of my maintenance duties by flushing my jets on a regular basis.

This was a great theory – with one massive leak.

As long as the dishwasher kept up his end of the cleaning bargain, I forgot about the gunk building up in his jets - until they started spewing white spots on my cutlery and I knew I better initiate a therapeutic dishwasher intervention - again. (Cycle complete, and then

One thing I've learned over the years is the best way to solve a problem (besides ignoring it until it goes away) involves peeling back the layers until you get to the core of the issue. In my situation, this meant dismantling the dishwasher part by part, screw by screw, jet by jet.

Over our 13-year relationship, I became intimate with the innards of my dishwasher and had a working – if not nearly personal – relationship with each of his jets. So, when white spots appeared on the dishes last week, I approached the situation with the calm of a yoga master on Xanax.

I took a deep, cleansing breath and proceeded to unscrew, degunk and de-clog with the prowess and flexibility of a woman who's done it all before. My husband even joined me in the act. I love when we bond over household chores. When complete, we put the machine back together and set him up for a test run (the dishwasher, not my husband).

Five minutes into the wash cycle, my husband took a peek inside and made an important and unfortunate discovery. Clogged jets were only the start of our spotty predicament. Even though we were mid-wash cycle, the inside of the dishwasher remained dry. We had a pump problem. Too complex – and costly – to warrant fixing on a 13-year old machine (which equates to 91 in dog

My on-again, off-again relationship with my dishwasher was officially off-again – for good. I now stare at the empty hole in my kitchen where the dishwasher stood sentry for over a decade. Another model will take his place upon delivery in five to seven business days, and a new relationship will begin.

Meanwhile, our old dishwasher has moved on to a better place (for now a semi-hidden spot in the corner of the backyard) where every dish is as clean and spot-free

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specific nature, for instance, from a club

thanking merchants who donated prizes

and clarity.

for a raffle.

We've had an on-again, off-again relationship for more as a tabula rasa. Best of all, I am secure in and comforted by the knowledge that he enters his new home with jets that are clear and completely gunk-free.

Follow Slices of Life on Facebook and hit Like (please). Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide My dishwasher and I existed harmoniously for months to Self-Syndication" Email her at pertmn@qwest.net; or website http://marketing-by-



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

My son, Parker, and I attended the 2013 NCAA Mens Basketball Tournament last week at the Palace of Auburn Hills. We and 21,000 others had a great time watching history being made, with both the University of Michigan

and Michigan State University advancing to the round of 16 for the first time in the same year. However, our experience pales compared to that of Cass City's Rylie Weiler.

Yep, that's the Red Hawk seventh grader posing with former NBA great Glen Dog" "Big Robinson. She also meet up with past NBA legend Tim Hardaway Sr. during

Saturday's Round 3 session.

Still, her handshake later that day with current Wolverine guard and projected future NBA star Trey Burke made her experience one she won't forget anytime

Speaking of the NCAA tournament, how's your bracket doing? In the Chronicle's employee contest, proof reader Deb Severance leads the pack with 44 points (one point for correctly picking the winners in round 2 and two points for picking the winners in round 3). But she's closely trailed by Editor Tom Montgomery and me with

of the 16 teams remaining. I have MSU winning it all; she has Indiana claiming the national championship.

42 points each. Both Deb and I have correctly picked 10

Here's some community relations news from Cass City Village Council member Kevin Israelson. The personnel and public safety committee member reports Chief of Police Craig Haynes and Sgt. Jim Freeman recently attended the welcome reception and announcement of The Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County.

Israelson added Sgt. Freeman serves on the Child Advocacy Advisory Board and was active in establishing the center in Tuscola County.

Need more on our police department? Israelson also says Sgt. Freeman, Officer Kevin Laming and Officer Bill Hartzell all have recently attended Active Shooter Response training.

"Hope they never have to use it," says Israelson, but if they do it's nice to know they have had the training.

Here's a reminder that the Chronicle office will be closed on Good Friday from noon to 3 pm. We also would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and to Cass City school students and staff a safe spring break.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, March 27

Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District

Thursday, March 28

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Community Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church. Thumb TEA Party, 1 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library. The Blaze Documentary "The Project", a Muslim road map for infiltrating and defeating the West, will be shown.

Friday, March 29

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Saturday, March 30

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Ubly Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Monday, April 1

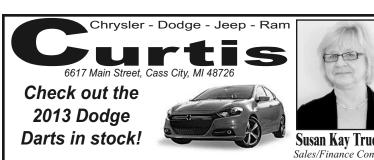
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For more information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.



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Farmer's gift to boost Laker FFA and Huron County Fair

Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Lakers FFA \$5,000. will now be able to better serve their communities, thanks to the support of local farmer Sandy Smith and Farmers Grow America's Communities.

Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, America's Farmers Grow Communities provides farmers in eligible counties the chance to win a \$2,500 donation for a local non-profit organization of their choice. To further support counties declared natural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) due to the drought last year, winning farmers in these counties are able to

and Huron County Community Fair Huron County was declared a disaster area by the USDA, giving Smith the opportunity to choose 2 organizations to receive \$2,500 donations. Smith selected the Elkton Pigeon County Community Fair.

Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Lakers FFA will be using this donation to obtain new materials for the classroom that will benefit not only the students, but teachers as well. The Huron County assist with improvements to camping and electrical hook-ups at the fairgrounds. They have plans to upgrade and improve the camping facilities, direct double donations, a total of as well as increase security lighting.

"I am so excited because I am a counselor, so I enjoy helping others and this is a fantastic way to do so," Smith said. "I feel so blessed to have

the opportunity.' This year, the Monsanto Fund will Bay Port Lakers FFA and Huron invest nearly \$6 million in rural through America Communities, which includes double donations for counties impacted

> by the historic drought. In Michigan, \$185,000 is being presented across 37 counties.

America's Farmers Grow Community Fair will use its funds to Communities is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to partner with farmers in helping them positively impact their communities. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to strengthen rural America.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various felony charges:

•Dale R. Lasiewicki, 61, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 5 years in prison following his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 23 in Dayton Township, and no contest to fleeing and eluding a police officer, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and 3 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon Nov. 26 in Wells Township.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,268 plus restitution of \$240.

•Jason M. Marygold, 35, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of polygamy between April 20 and Dec. 17 in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony con-

Marygold married a woman last April in Clark County, Nev., while already married to another woman he had wed in March 2009 in Chippewa County, Mich., according to court records, which state polygamy is a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison and/or a fine of \$5,000.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was Millington, pleaded no contest to 2 continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is counts of first degree criminal sexuto be scheduled.

•Yvette M. Garcia, 35, Mayville, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third

The following people appeared in offense — Jan. 2 in Fremont Township and Jan. 8 in Vassar Township.

> A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and a combined bond of \$6,000 was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

> •Howard G. Trinklein, 48, Vassar, was sentenced to 93 days in the county jail and 24 months probation following his pleas of no contest to charges of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct and assault or assault and battery Oct. 22 in Vassar.

year, according to court records, which state the defendant was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,428.

•Justin J. Klein, 20, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Jan. 9 in Fairgrove, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny in a building, and larceny in a building Oct. 23 in Tuscola Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$16,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Todd A. Geisenhaver, 37, al conduct involving a victim at least between Nov. 1, 2009, and Dec. 30, 2012, in Vassar and/or Vassar Township. Court records state he was initially charged with 5 counts of first degree and 8 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct in the case.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$80,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Matthew L. Ward, 38, Vassar, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, following his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance Aug. 22 in Vassar Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony con-

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 24 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines total-

•Robert E. Hawthorne, 33, Vassar, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between February 2012 and December 2012 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$100,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Peter F. Wood, 28, Fairgrove, was The jail term was delayed for one sentenced to 330 days in jail, with work release, following his pleas of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and domestic violence Sept. 30 in Akron/Akron Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

> In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$848. Restitution in the cast is to be determined.

> •Jeremey R. Fosdick, 34, Lapeer, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison following his plea of guilty to retail fraud, first degree, June 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

> In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$198 plus restitution of

•Randy L. Bussure, 55, Clifford, pleaded guilty to a charge of operat-13 years of age but under 16 years ing a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 16 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

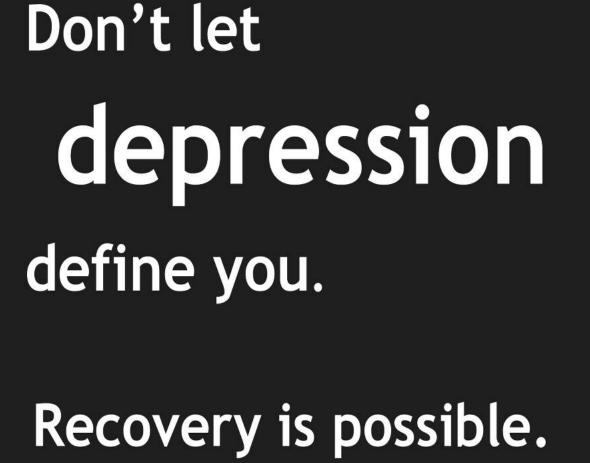
> A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$6,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

> •William N. Moore, 64, Davison, pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and impaired driving Dec. 23 in Millington Township

> A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

> •Randall O. Woodward, 41, Cass City, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to writing a non-sufficient fund check for \$500 or more May 30-June 1 in Cass City.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$948.





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Illinois to ban exotic steaks. I'm not lion

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

As a newspaper editor, I feel a certain responsibility to stay on top of breaking news trends in the Midwest, which is why I thought our readers might be interested in knowing that legislation in Illinois could spell the end of access to certain exotic meats in this country.

Well, that's assuming the legislation passes and other states hop on this bandwagon.

I'm not lion.

According to an NBC news report, Illinois could become the first U.S. state to ban the sale of lion meat with a bill that would make it illegal "for any person to slaughter a lion or for any person to possess, breed, import from this state, buy, or sell lions for the purpose of slaughter."

Now, while it's true that African lion populations have been on the decline for years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has not designated the lion as an endangered species, making eating lions unusual but not illegal in this

Hey, I like a nice steak as much as the next guy, but I've never been tempted to risk life and limb for one. Besides, I have some young grandsons who would never speak to me again if they thought I was considering putting Simba on the spit, you know?

Anyway, do you suppose there really are lion meat connoisseurs in this country?

The answer, evidently, is "yes".

The story I read included a website address for Czimer's Game & Seafood Inc. in Homer Glen, Ill., where the products listed for sale include African lion roasts, steaks, chops, tender loins and burgers, although the company currently lists those items not available.

They must be experiencing a shortage of ostrich, camel, rattlesnake and alligator, too, because various cuts of those meats — all listed for sale on the firm's website — also are not available at this time.

The good news is that Czimer's can set you up with black bear, elk, buffalo, antelope, alpaca, llama, kangaroo and wild boar. Not that hungry? You can choose from a wide variety of snack sticks as well as fowl and small game delicacies, including raccoon, beaver and snapping turtle (semi-boneless, of course).

Call me boring, but I'll probably just stick to beef, pork, chicken, etc., when I'm putting together future menus at home.

On the other hand, those smoked frog legs and yak jerky do sound tanta-







Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas

5 YEARS AGO (2008)

The Easter Egg hunt organized by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce along with several volunteers was a huge success. The event, held Saturday afternoon at the playscape, has typically drawn up to 100 youngsters in past years, but was attended by some 300 kids this year. "I never in a million years expected that many kids," commented chamber Administrator Dee Mulligan. "I am glad we had so much support. Next year we'll just be more pre-

Cass City middle school student Audrey VanAuken was recognized with the Tiger Sharks Swim Club's highest honor, as she met the rigid criteria to obtain "Silver Shark" status. Joining VanAuken as Silver Shark recipients are Devin Putnam, Chelsea Harmon, Krissy Harmon, Katie Maxwell and Sydney Phillips. According to Coach Larry Harmon, the swimmers that have obtained this level of achievement are required to participate at invitational meets, travel to away dual & tri meets, maintain regular practice attendance, qualify for State Meet competition and display good sportsmanship. The swimmers that have been given this award are exceptional athletes and have made many sacrifices for their

In today's mobile society it's uncommon to find someone who has remained in the same community and in the same career for a lifetime. Ubly's Fred Ligrow has done both, and he's never regretted it. "That's something I'm quite proud of. I'm proud of the fact that I'm here in Ubly and have stayed here this long," Ligrow commented last week as he talked about his upcoming Ubly retirement from the Community Schools, where he has taught, coached and/or served as an administrator for the past 36 years. "It was my first job and last job. I came here in '72 and didn't know if I was going to stay here or not, and the rest is history," added the Kinde

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Some sixth grade students at Owen-Gage Junior-Senior High School were recently surprised with an indoor look at the "night sky", thanks to the ingenuity of their teacher, Shannon Doherty. Doherty constructed a 10-foot by 11-foot plastic bubble, which she inflated using an ordinary house fan. She poked tiny holes in the material in designs featuring the winter sky constellations, then took her students on a virtual tour using a laser pointer.

Gerard and Cecilia Marchand celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married March 7, 1953 in Detroit, Dinner was enjoyed with family at The Outback Restaurant in Waterford. Cecilia (Brown) Marchand was a graduate of Cass City High School in 1951.

James G. Hoyt of Snover was recently named to the dean's list at dent must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

TI Automotive, a global supplier of 2 coveted Shingo Prizes for excellence in manufacturing at its facili-Referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Manufacturing" by Business Week magazine, the awards recognize manufacturing" programs and are named for Dr. Shjgeo Shingo, credit-Toyota Production System.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

First place winners in the Wolf, Rear and Webelos divisions of the 1988 annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby are Tim Sherman, Josh Lounsbury (Grand Prix winner) and Justin Hulburt, respectively.

Earning student of the week honors are Cass City 1988 valedictorians who maintained a perfect 4.0 grade average during their high school careers are Jane Dickinson, Mark Gracey, Kathy Leino and Dan Tuckey.

The "Razamataz Readers" clinched the 5th and 6th grade division title in the Battle of the Books competition Baker, Michelle Brown, Shawna Peasley, Lisa Wallace and Amy

Winners of the 3rd and 4th grade division are the "Red Hot Readers," composed of Andrea Cooper, Danny Sherman, Jill Wright, Heather Dunn and Emily Miller.

The Cass City Retail Chamber authorities announced winners in the connection with the "Swing into Spring" sale. Grand prize winner was Cheryl Janssen of Cass City who won a swing set. Other winners and their prizes were: BMX bike, Bob Schafer, Elkton; 10-speed bike, and cooler, Serene Cody, Cass City, Seeley, Cass City.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

City High School students were awarded medals as the exhibitors of the best projects during the school's two-day Science Fair Saturday and Sunday. They were among 10 blue ribbon winners picked from a field Herhalt, first; Fred Reid, second; Bonnie Spencer, third and Bob Spencer, fourth.

scoring, was the lone Cass City eager to be named to the 10-man Thumb B All-Conference Basketball team, released this week. Retherford had the added distinction of being the only sophomore to be named to the mythical honor squad.

Two Cass City men and a Saginaw able evening was spent

the University of Northwestern resident were to have left today Ohio. To be named to the list, a stu- (Thursday) for Port Ponchartrain, La., where they will begin an estimated six-week boat trip back to Michigan. The men, W. A. Parrott integrated fuel storage and delivery and Robert Profit both of Cass City, systems for cars and trucks, has won and Lester Sedine, Saginaw, will attempt to finish a round-trip begun last summer by Parrott and Willard ties in Caro and New Haven. Harris, Cass City. Parrott owns the 38-foot cruiser in which the men will make the trip.

Bean growers are advised to grow companies with outstanding "lean corn before field beans in their crop rotations in order to reduce root rot. A. L. Andersen, Michigan State ed with the development of the University botanist and plant pathologist, says the crop that precedes field beans in a rotation somehow affects the number of disease-carrying micro-organisms in the soil. He notes that recent field tests showed the incidence of root rot to be significantly lower when corn preceded beans in a rotation. On the other hand, when barley preceded beans in a rotation, the highest incidence of root rot appeared.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)

The wind storm that swept the state on Good Friday did not neglect Cass City and the surrounding townships, but did its share of damage to property in town and countryside. Buildings were wrecked, roofs were torn off, plate glass windows and Friday. Team members are Deanna skylights smashed, signs demolished and chimneys destroyed. The damage will run up into the thousands of dollars and probably but a few of the owners carried insurance.

One of the pickle stations of the William Bros. Co. was wrecked at Cass City, one at Pigeon, two at Wilmot and one at Lum. Ed. Heartt, the local manager, informed the Chronicle that the company would free prize drawing held Saturday in rebuild in time to care for this season's crop. Mr. Heartt says the Williams Co. had 29 pickle stations in the state and but seven were standing after Friday's storm. No cyclone insurance was carried.

West Grant - At the Joe Cross farm, Sue Wentworth, Decker, lawn chair a new poultry house built last August and containing a hundred fowls, was and fishing tackle box, Isabelle lifted from the foundation and rolled against a large corn crib 30 feet away, wrecking both buildings. But the strangest part was that none of Science Fair Winners — Four Cass the chickens were injured.

On Monday evening about seventy neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. J. Spence northwest of town. The younger part of the company were conducted up to the spacious attic, where for a few of 135 projects. They are: John hours they made the rafters ring as played Dusty Gingerbread, and all other old fashioned games and also some that were Ed Retherford, who led Cass City in new fashioned. The older guests were entertained in various other ways, music being a part. A very nice supper was served by those having charge of that part of the entertainment—oysters for those who like that dish; cold meats, salads, cake, pickles, coffee for others. An enjoy-



Anchor Cove Outreach Church 201 E. Sanilac Rd. Caro, MI 48723 989-672-2262 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com

Calvary Bible Fellowshin an Independent Baptist Church 4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of Christ Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or (989) 912-2077 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen

Cass City Missionary Church 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Phil Burkett www.casscitymc.org

Cass City United Methodist Church P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726 | 872-3422 Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-5060 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Studies **Biblical Counseling** Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould www.casscityefc.org

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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-3155 Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pastor: David G. Hill Website: www.fbccc.us

First Presbyterian Church Barrier Free

State & National Historical Registry 6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Fraser Presbyterian Church 3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m. 👪 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2770 Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon) Novesta Church of Christ

> 2896 Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Minister: Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

Potter's House **Christian Fellowship Church** Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726 872-5186 Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Pancratius Catholic Church 4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3336 Summer

Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. DST Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m. Winter

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Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC Mizpah Missionary Church 4631 N. Van Dyke, Cass City, MI 48726 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Service: 11 a.m

Wednesday Prayer Group 7-8 p.m Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m. Pastor Dale Bullock 989-325-0736 Living Word Worship Center Church of God

6536 Houghton Street, Cass City, MI 48726 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11:00 a.m

Family Training Hour: Wednesday 7 p.m (including youth and children's services) Pastor: Rev. Mark Karwowski Website: www.lwwccog.net Visitors always welcomed... Please join us today!

NOTICE Ellington Township Residents

The Annual Township Board Meeting will be held at the Township Hall, located at the corner of M-81 and Dutcher roads, starting

Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

The Township Board will be reviewing the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. The Township Board will also review Road Improvements for 2013. There will also be a Public Hearing for "Truth in Taxation" for the tax year 2013-2014.

Duane Lockwood Ellington Township Supervisor

ATTENTION:

Novesta Township Residents and landowners

The Novesta Township Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club.

In addition, a Special Meeting will be held commencing at 12:45 p.m. to propose resolutions adopting the previously proposed 2013 – 2014 general fund and garbage budgets; propose payment to Deputy officials and to propose final 2012 – 2013 budget amendments if necessary.

Joann M. Tauber, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Cass City Planning Commission will hold a public hear-

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm,

at the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main St., Cass City, 48726.

All interested parties will be heard on the request for a rezoning of 6627 Rose St from RA-1 (One Family Residential) to OS-1 (Office Service). A detailed description of the property and the application for rezoning are more particularly described and on exhibit at the Municipal Building.

The Cass City Municipal Building is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm, during which time the zoning ordinance and any other public documents may be examined by inquiring at the front desk.

Written comments regarding the above may be directed to the Village, or by calling (989) 872-2911. Persons needing special assistance should contact the Municipal Building two working days prior to the meeting.

Nanette Walsh Village Clerk

Cass City native pens sequel

Continued from page one.

same ("Farnsworth" in Michigan's Thumb).

"A few years ago, I read John Wesley's 'A Plain Account of Christian Perfection' and C.S. Lewis' 'Mere Christianity'. It got me to thinking about what it would mean to try to 'Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength' as the Bible directs," Zinnecker recently commented during an interview from his home in Penfield, N.Y.

"If you remember in 2008, we as a nation were in big financial trouble. The markets were falling and I was getting calls from relatives, friends service, providing practical manageand business associates, basically asking 'What are we going to do'? It impacted everyone from the big city investment bankers to the small town business people, farmers, retired people, etc.," added Zinnecker, a 1955 Cass City High School gradu-

"All of that got me to think about what would a CEO do if he was trying to live up to the Bible's challenge...while at the same time deal with the impacts of loss of revenues, moves against his investors, friends in financial trouble, etc. Would he 'sell out' to God and to his compa-

Zinnecker set out to answer that question in "Sell Out" while allowing the characters in the book to

"A lot of the readers of 'Acquisition' — mostly women said I needed to give the hero a love life. So, I added that to the mix," he noted. "Could he 'sell out' to God, to his company and to someone who comes into his life and loves him?

"So, having said all that, I guess the message of the book is about how does one 'sell out' to God, to those who love them and to their vocation. Especially so when things are going downhill and unscrupulous people are trying to bring you down.'

Although his novels differ in plot, Zinnecker didn't swerve from sharing a combination of his own deep faith and personal experience in the business world.

"I wrote 'Acquisition' in the hope that this fictional story about a driven executive's search for a more meaningful life could help others find a purpose for their life through faith in Jesus Christ," explained the former area resident, who was born

miles northwest of Cass City.

Out", and the primary setting is the tive for 50 years, I found that anyarranging my priorities around my faith, my family, the company I worked for," he said.

Contel Corporation, managing operations in Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado. In 1983, he became president of Contel of New have 4 grown children and 8 grand-York. In 1991, he was named president of the New York State Telecommunications Association in Albany and remained there until his find "Sell Out" along with retirement 7 years later.

ment assistance.

Zinnecker remains active in civic, religious and industry organizations. He is a member of the board of directors of Empire Telephone Corp., or by writing him at: 14 Sunleaf North Penn Telephone Co. and the Drive, Penfield, N.Y. 14526.

Delhi Telephone Co. He is also a "As a telecommunications execumember of Gideon's International, the Institute of Certified Professional thing I accomplished was due to Managers, and the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association.

A senior certified professional manager, he has written numerous arti-Zinnecker spent 33 years with cles and devotionals that have been published in religious and business

> Zinnecker and his wife, Elaine, children.

Editor's note: Area residents can other Zinnecker's He currently operates a consulting "Acquisition", on various book retailer websites such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Copies are also available by contacting Zinnecker on Facebook, by emailing him at rzinnecker@rochester.rr.com,



GOV. RICK Snyder recently hosted a ceremonial signing of a crime victim's rights bill sponsored by 31st District Senator Mike Green (R-Mayville). The bill, known as the "Crime Victims' Right to Know" legislation, expanded the rights of crime victims by allowing them to present exhibits when testifying at parole or commutation hearings, which would enable them to more effectively portray the impact of a crime on their lives. Green is pictured above (second from right) with (from left), John Lazet, director of crime victim advocacy at the attorney general's office; Blake Hoffard; Blake's mother, Wendy Hoffard, Bay County crime victims' advocate; Snyder; Alan Cropsey, former senator and legislative liaison to Attorney General Bill Schuette; and Cindy on a farm on Seeley Road, about 6 Howell, Bay County crime victims' rights advocate.

ELKLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERY Rules and Regulations

Planting of trees or shrubs is prohibited unless permission is given by sexton.

No decorative stones around markers or monuments.

One arrangement per grave site.

All flowers must be in containers.

All glass jars or bottles used for arrangements are prohibited.

Monuments and markers are to be installed by sexton.

All lots will be cleaned off on April 1st, and remain clean until May 1st.

The township shall not be financially responsible for damage to flowers, shrubs, lots, stones, objects or articles removed from any grave in this cemetery.

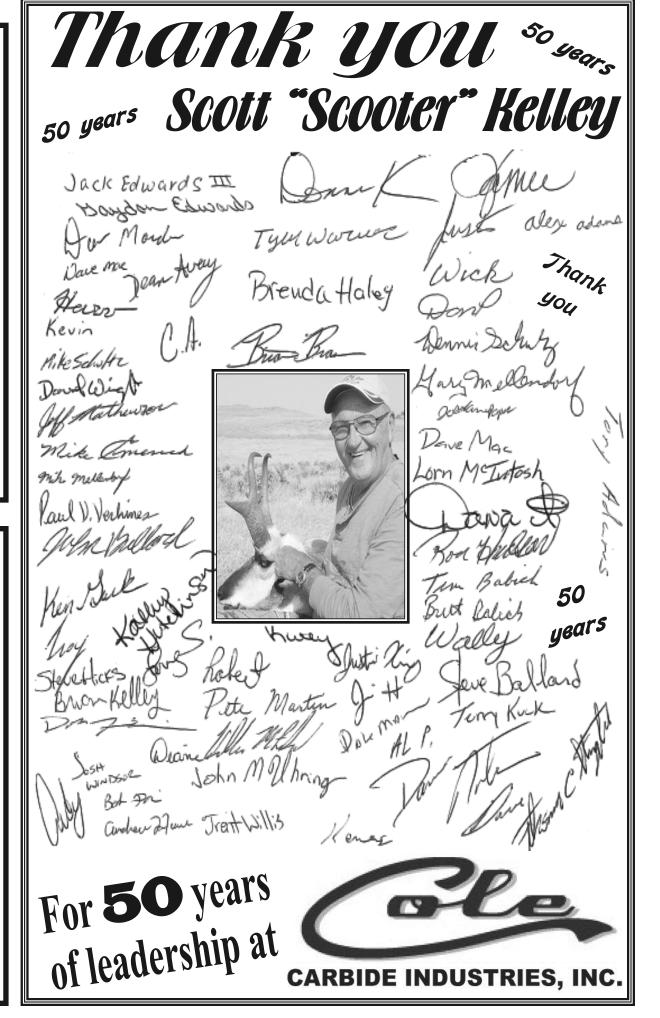
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ELMWOOD TOWNSHIP SPRING CLEAN-UP

(Gagetown & Hillside Cemeteries)

Elmwood Township will begin its annual spring clean-up in township maintained cemeteries (Gagetown & Hillside Cemeteries) on Monday, April 1, 2013. All winter baskets, pots and decorations must be removed prior to this date.

Any items left behind will be removed and discarded by Cemetery Maintenance personnel. Seasonal items may be replaced on lots after May 1, 2013.



oituaries

Wayne Brown

Wayne Edward Brown, 69, of Palm Bay, Fla., passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 at Holmes Medical Center, Melbourne, Fla., after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 23, 1943 in Cass City, the son of the late Willis and Loretta (Jackson) Brown.

He married Jill Parker Oct. 9, 1965 in Sacramento, Calif.

Wayne graduated from Cass City High School in 1962 and attended Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. In 1963, he entered the U.S. Air Force via the military draft, where he remained for over 20 years. His numerous duty assignments included bases in Texas, Japan, California, Nebraska, Thailand, Massachusetts and finally Florida, where he retired in December 1983.

ing the Vietnam War in from 1971 to Macclenny, Fla., and Mark Brown of 1972. Throughout his career, he Palm Bay; grandchildren: Jared, worked with military intelligence Justin and Jack Brown of worked with military intelligence units and retired with the Air Force Macclenny; a sister, Linda Mika Tactical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Cocoa Beach, Fla. After his military service, he worked for DBA Systems in Melbourne and Harris Corporation in Palm Bay, retiring in February 2005. Wayne was an avid sports fan throughout his life and especially loved baseball and basketball. He excelled in both sports in high school and later played some baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization. Wayne also umpired and coached many young baseball players during their Little League years in Florida. He was also a member of several organizations, including AFA, VFW, Moose Lodge and American Legion.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Jill; Wayne also served his country dur- sons: Jeff (Jennifer) Brown of

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(John Ellis) of Oxford; a brother, lifetime area resident. She was a Morris Brown of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was preceded in death by a sis-

ter, Wanda (Tino) Benitez.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 1, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

A committal service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass

Honor service will be by the members of the Cass City VFW Post 3644 and the members of the U.S. Air

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Family and friends may share condolences at www.thabetfuneralhome com

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Marian Hendrie

Marian Louise Hendrie, 78, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away Sunday, March 17, 2013 at home.

She was born July 7, 1934 in Centerline, the daughter of the late Lee and Marie (Trudeau) Sefton.

She married Ronald Hendrie in 1962 in Alaska. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Marian was a 1952 graduate of Cass City High School. She moved to Alaska in 1957. The couple lived in Alaska for 33 years before retiring to Mesa. Marian enjoyed family, crossword puzzles, was an avid golfer and loved to travel.

Marian is survived by her sisters: Lois Sugden of Cass City, and Catherine (Ron) Hogue of Fostoria; a brother, Hugh (Margaret) Sefton of Snover; and sisters-in-law: Helen Sefton of Kingston, and Vivian Sefton of Decker.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Joe and Leroy Sefton, an infant sister, Rosemary Sefton; a sister-in-law, Juanita Sefton; and a brother-in-law, Richard Sugden.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in the Freiburg Cemetery.

Shirley McComb

Shirley M. McComb, 89, of Cass City, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro, after a long illness.

She was born Oct. 3, 1923 in Pigeon, the daughter of the late Victor and Ida (Fisher) Hoppe.

1947 in Cass City. He passed away Jan. 2, 1991.

Shirley was a homemaker and a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Cass City VFW Auxiliary.

Shirley is survived by her sons: Timothy (Gina) McComb of Nevada, and Thomas McComb of Tennessee; 3 grandchildren: Carol Ann, Megan and Loren; and a sister, Joyce (the late Jim) Bannick of

brother, Loren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with Bridgeport; and many nieces and Pastor Steve Bagnall officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

dolences at www.thabetfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Marie Stickle

Marie O. Stickle, 92, of Cassopolis, died peacefully Monday evening, March 18, 2013 in Cass County Medical Care Facility.

She was born May 1, 1920 in Cass City, the daughter of Everett and Myrtle (Howley) Darling.

She married Roy Everett Stickle in 1940 in Mt. Pleasant. He preceded her in death.

Marie and her husband owned and operated Stickle's American Cleaners in Cassopolis for many years until Roy's death in 1969. She also worked at Fifth Third Bank for many years after Roy's death. Marie was active in the Business and Professional Women's Club and was an Auxiliary board member of the

She married Frank McComb Oct. 3, Cass County Medical Care Facility. She enjoyed playing bridge and had a circle of friends who played regularly for a number of years. She also enjoyed traveling, including trips to Spain, Hawaii, Africa, and many 'mini" excursions around the United

Marie will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by a son, Jay (Judy) Stickle of Cassopolis; a step-son, Robert (Barbara) Stickle of Cass City; a granddaughter, Gina (Tom) Harwood of Rochester Hills; 2 In addition to her parents and hus- grandsons: Gregory (Tracy) Stickle band, she was preceded in death by a of Grandville, and Dennis (Stacey) Stickle of Grayslake, Ill.; 6 greatgrandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Tesho of nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a step-daughter, Barbara Family and friends may share con- Doyle; a step-son, John Stickle; a sister, Doris Karr; and a brother, Joseph Darling.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

As an avid, life time reader, her wish was to have memorials made to the Cass District Library, 319 M-62 North, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

Family and friends may share messages of sympathy at www.wagnercares.com.

Arrangements were made by Family Wagner Funerals, Cassopolis.

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Music In Our Schools

Cass City High School, elementary students join to share their mutual love of the arts this month

by Ryan Walker Freelance Writer

Nearly every man, woman and child throughout the United States can claim a certain connection to music. Whether it's the casual listener who spends precious free moments listening to the radio or the dedicated musician who practices for hours a day to hone their skills, music plays a key social role for humans.

March is the time of year to celebrate the auditory arts through Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM). The month-long celebration aims to draw attention to the significance of music education in our schools and communities.

Each year MIOSM prepares a theme that will help enhance the image of music education; this year's theme is the slogan, "Music Lasts a Lifetime". Participating schools and organizations take part in various activities to help showcase the talents of students together with their teachers and band directors.

Several members of the Cass City Senior High band recently took their talents and knowledge to Cass City Elementary School to help promote music to the next generation of musi-

"My biggest goal in celebrating Music In Our Schools Month has just been recruiting more students to band and getting the younger students excited about band," commented Laura Curtis, Cass City Schools director of bands.

Throughout the morning, groups consisting of 3 to 6 senior high band members visited the elementary school music classes. In addition to playing their instruments for the younger students, the senior high band members also talked to the kids about a number of music related top-

They demonstrated the differences

of each of their instruments, including the number of valves or keys and what instrument family it belonged to: brass, woodwind, string or percussion. They also allowed the younger students to hold their instruments and push the valves or keys.

Not only did the presenters emphasize basic band information, they also explained the structure of Cass City's band program by providing background information on jazz band and marching band. Then the elder role models elaborated on the excitement generated by the recently completed band festivals, where the Cass City band program drew rave

each shared with the elementary students that playing an instrument is much more to them than just a class they take during the school day. They spoke passionately about practicing with friends after school and playing their instruments in their churches as well. The high school musicians agreed that band is "much more than a class, it becomes a fam-

Before the morning sessions ended, the elementary students learned about research findings that indicate students who play a musical instrument show increased math abilities. Another message conveyed by the presenters focused on the idea that playing a musical instrument is a positive outlet when you are feeling sad or frustrated. The 2 biggest messages the high school band members relayed to younger students were: "Those who are not in band, do not know what they are missing" and "Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice, the easier and more enjoyable it will become."

Kicking off the afternoon portion of the day's activities was an assembly

the overall health of nearly every

instruments. These high school off the assembly by performing, and musicians talked about the anatomy they were followed by a performance by the sixth grade band. Rounding out the assembly was a performance by the senior high jazz band. Some of the songs were interactive, encouraging the audience to participate through rhythmic clapping patterns and singing. Then, Curtis talked to the students about the different instruments.

The final activity of the day was an "Instrument Petting Zoo" for fourth grade students that was set up in the elementary school band room. Scott Brown, recruitment specialist from Marshall Music, brought many different instruments. After explaining the different offerings, Brown let the students try out each instrument.

As the day-long celebration came to The high school musicians also an end, students were excitedly talking to each other about what instrument they were going to play when they are old enough to be in band. The halls were abuzz with younger students sharing with friends that their older brother, sister, cousin, or friend was one of the musicians they had heard perform that day.

"I wanted to raise awareness of music and show that it comes in many different forms. I really wanted to feature the talent we have right here in our own schools and help students to see how important music is in education," Curtis said.

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between a mouth piece and reed, and for Young 5's through the fourth they presented different percussion grade. The fifth grade band kicked Study ranks healthiest counties

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ing, there continues to be a steady increase in the rates of adult obesity and physical inactivity in Michigan. In addition, more babies are continu-

and based on the change in rankings for many communities, Michigan tors. counties have already begun working on health improvements.

'Michigan counties are already aware of the health issues that their communities face," said James K. Haveman, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. "These annual rankings allow Michigan's local health departments to focus on the factors in their counties that need addressing because each community is different. I'm glad to see the rankings change each year with the various initiatives, and the department of community health will continue to support counties as they work to improve their residents' health."

The County Health Rankings rate

county in all 50 states, using a standard way to measure how healthy people are and how long they live. The annual rankings include a snapshot of each county in Michigan with ally being born at a low birth weight. a color-coded map comparing each The good news, officials say, is that county's overall health ranking. these rankings allow Michigan coun- Nearly every county is ranking on ties to see where they can improve, health outcomes, how healthy residents are and on various health fac-"We all have a stake in creating a

healthier community, and no single sector alone can tackle the health challenges in any given community," said Patrick Remington, M.D., professor and associate dean at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. "Collaboration is critical. The rankings are sparking action all over the country as people from all sectors join forces to create new possibilities in health county by county."

Among the health factors

researchers look at are rates of adult smoking, adult obesity, excessive drinking among adults and teenage births; the number of uninsured adults, availability of primary care physicians, and preventative hospital stays; rates of high school graduation, adults who have attended some college, children in poverty; community safety; limited access to healthy foods; rates of physical inactivity; and air pollution levels. Area residents can view Michigan's

2013 county rankings by logging onto the website www.countyhealthrankings.org/michigan.



New contract

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workers to opt out of paying dues. The reason is that the local labor agreement was signed before the new legislation goes into effect this week.

As for the financial impact of the contract, Wencel acknowledged school officials will have to dip into the district's roughly \$186,000 fund balance, but he indicated the amount of money involved won't cripple Owen-Gage.

"With the step raises, this year's impact is probably going to be around \$10,000," Wencel said, adding the total cost in 2013-14 (for a full year) will approach \$30,000.

"It was a very fair contract and something the school could afford," he said. "We're not going to go bankrupt because of this contract.





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Cass City hopes to reload in 2013

Will 2013 be a time to rebuild or school history. reload for the Cass City Red Hawk baseball program?

5 senior team members from last year's squad that established a new school record for wins in a season with an impressive 33-7 record. More importantly, they went on to capture the Greater Thumb West championship and Division 3 district during the same year – 1973 – in

Coach Nathan Haag enters his 6th campaign in charge with a raw Missing, and sure to be missed, are infield, void of much experience, and questions on the pitching mound, namely with senior ace Cody

> Graduation casualties Morgan Erla and Ethan Nicol leave the Red Hawks untested at the corners of Haag will need to fill this spring. ence first team. Sure to get a good

New leadership will be needed look at protecting the left sideline corners defensively at the varsity behind the plate. He'll no longer this season will be junior newcomer level. have the cannon arm of catcher Kyle Brock Thane. He enjoyed success for Hanby to rely on, nor the services of the Red Hawk junior varsity team man Mason Erla, will replace his utility player Nick Kappen or backup infielder Jordan Hendrian.

Replacing Erla, who spent much of his distinguished 4-year career at third base before switching to shortstop, will be no easy fete. He batted their infield entering early season .331 in his senior year and was an honors, achieved just one other time play. And that's not the only position annual pick to the GTW all-confer-

and Coach Haag would like nothing better than that success to carry over into this season.

Expected to guard the first base line for Haag is another first-year varsity player in Brad Thornton. Thornton, the team's only sophomore, is known for his big bat, but only time will tell if he and Thane can handle the hot

Still another underclassman, fresholder brother at the number 6 position. If Cass City hopes to claim its third straight district banner later this spring, Erla will need to perform at a high level at a young age.

Cass City's youthful infield – with journeymen only at second base in returnees Jake Hacker and Dakota Hartel - should benefit from arguably the Greater Thumb West's top pitching staff among Haag's 5 returnees.

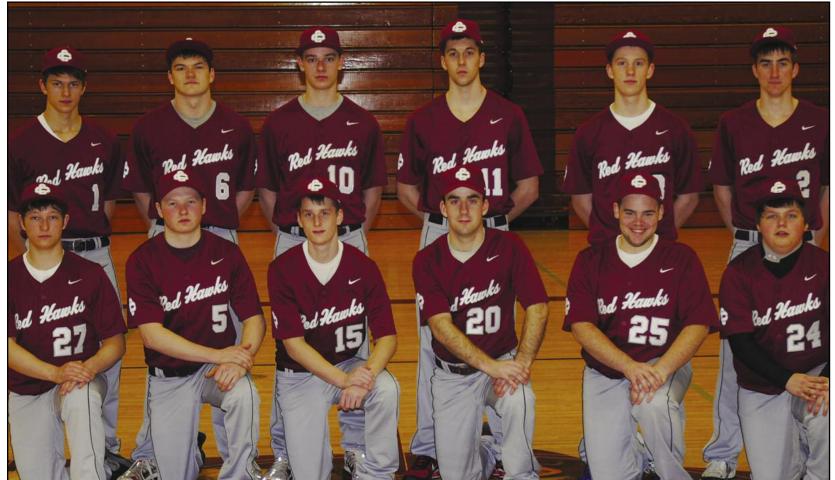
Hartel and Hacker will not only share time at second base, but also on the rubber. Both are proven performers. Hartel was named to the GTW all-conference second team as a sophomore.

While the junior pair gives Haag 2 strong arms, they didn't match the numbers posted by Orban a year ago. He worked a total of 68 2/3 innings in 2012 and compiled a perfect 11-0 record, which also included 4 saves. His ERA was an amazing 0.82. Orban chalked up 128 strike outs, while allowing just 17 bases on balls.

Orban, however, was unavailable for mound duties by the end of last season due to arm troubles. If he isn't able to deliver on the hill, Cass City's chances of defending their GTW honors will suffer a huge blow. Senior Lukas Schenk, an all-conference second team outfielder in 2012, led Cass City with 42 hits last year. He's pegged for right field and returning senior Cody Ross is an established glove in left.

Completing the returning player list for Cass City is junior Watson Moore. Moore hit 4 home runs as a sophomore and was named to the GTW all-conference second team. A clutch hitter at the plate, he'll play behind the plate on defense.

Newcomers Drew Field, Alex Braeden Perzanowski round out this year's Red Hawk squad and will compete for playing time as the season progresses.



CASS CITY'S 2013 varsity baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Dakota Hartel, Jake Hacker, Cody Orban, Alex Adams, Brock Thane, Brad Thornton (back) Nick Adams, Nick Karwowski and Karwowski, Watson Moore, Mason Erla, Cody Ross, Drew Field and Lukas Schenk, Missing is Braeden Perzanowski.

Lady Hawks lack dominant pitcher entering 2013 campaign

Coach John Hacker feels his Cass will have to earn each one of the team's wins in 2013.

"There won't be any easy games for us this year," said the third year skipper. "We don't have that dominant pitcher like I'm used to having."

Since taking the helm in 2011, Hacker has been able to ride the arm of 3-year pitching ace Shannon Stec.

Shannon is near the top of the school's record board for strikeouts and earned run average," Hacker said, noting Stec was one of 5 senior Red Hawks named to the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team in 2012. Stec capped her senior season being named to the all-district first team.

Stec isn't Cass City's only loss on the mound from a year ago. Add Rebecca Hacker, who received both all-conference and all-district first team recognition for Cass City in 2012, to Coach Hacker's pitching

Hill, Hartsell among NCTL all-conference hoop selections

Kingston's Steven Hill and Eric Hartsell were among the North Central Thumb League all-conference boys' basketball selections, according to the vote of league

Named to the North Central Thumb League 6-member first team were Codv Pvles, Mayville; Kyle Abrego and Tristen Haener, Peck; Kyle Case, North Huron; and Connor Amey and Matt Falls, Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Hill landed on the North Central Thumb League second team to highlight the Cardinal picks and is joined by Cody Abrego, Peck; Dustin Siemen and Nick Goretski, North Huron, Eric Koglin, Port Hope; Ryan Davis, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; and Ben Smith, Deckerville.

Hartsell received honorable mention praises, as did Tyler Beurmann and Cameron Warren, Peck; Chase Louwers, Kyle Denhoff and Matt Kurschner, Caseville; and Nathan Spaetzel and Trevor Philpot, Deckerville.

woes, which leaves the Red Hawks Stephanie Heckroth and Lauren shortstop, are back with a year of City Lady Red Hawk softball team without any experience at a key position entering a new campaign.

Cass City's graduation toll wasn't limited to the hill. 2012 GTW dream team members Morgan Potter, Megan Parrish and Carley Hendrick will prove to be tough shoes to fill for Coach Hacker going forward.

Trying on the team leaders' slippers in 2013 are returning seniors

Chambers. All 3 received GTW allconference praises a year ago with Heckroth, landing on the GTW second team in the outfield. Perry, catcher, and Chambers, infielder, were tagged with honorable mention

Underclassmen Rachel Bartnik, at second base, and Alliah Riddle, at

accolades.

Perry, together with junior Shania experience under their belts and returnee Ellen Hulburt. should play bigger roles if the Red Hawks are to improve on last year's ior Lauren Bukoski, and one veteran record of 22-18.

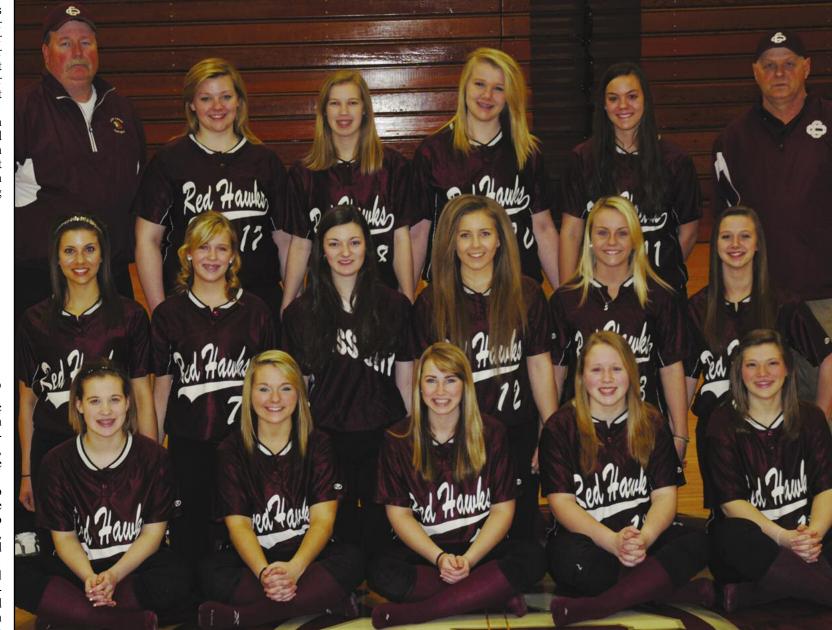
Hacker has been impressed by first the pitching chores. year player Susa Palviala in center field and has Andrea Mikolon returning to patrol in right field.

Competing for time at first base, according to Hacker, are varsity

rookie Audre

Hacker also has one rookie, in junin senior Karley Peters battling for

Expected to see plenty of playing time in the early season are untested varsity prospects Mady Brinkman, Kara Reif, Hannah Hulburt and Erika Martin.



THE CASS CITY 2013 varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Lauren Bukoski, Rachel Bartnik, Andrea Mikolon, Mady Brinkman, Kara Reif (middle) Lauren Perry, Karley Peters, Erika Martin, Susa Palviala, Shania Chambers, Alliah Riddle (back) Asst. Coach Ken Martin, Ellen Hulburt, Audrey Van Auken, Hannah Hulburt, Stephanie **Heckroth and Coach John Hacker.**



THE CASS CITY 6th grade boys' basketball team included: (front, l-r) Thomas Harp, Sam Gasta, Cody McCormick, Hayden Larkin, Zack Essex (back) Hank Janik, Luke Stern, Zack Beecher, Josh Stone, Kyle Schneeberger and Coach Josh Stern.

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| Qwell Jackson | Marlette | Senior |
| Alex Bartle | Brown City | Junior |
| Gabe Messing | Ubly | Senior |
| Gage Frank | Sandusky | Senior |
| Chase Bullis | Sandusky | Senior |

Honorable Mention

| Ian Reagin | Marlette | Junior |
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| Zack Kady | Marlette | Senior |
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| David Gaedcke | Memphis | Junior |
| Jared Wagester | Sandusky | Junior |
| Jacob Lasecki | Sandusky | Soph. |
| Dalton Okie | Sandusky | Soph. |



CASS CITY SCHOOLS fifth grade teacher Andrea Ross and her husband ran the St. Patrick's Day 5k race in Bay City, finishing with times of 27.01 and 23.20, respectively. They are pictured above with one of Andrea's students, Evan Neff, who also completed the race, with a time of 25.52. Ross noted another of her students, Brayden Wilson (not pictured), also participated in the event, finishing in

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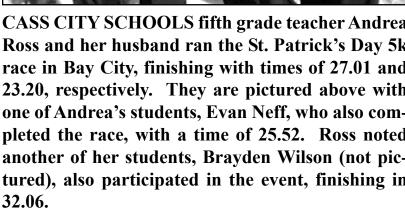
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Board debating sale

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building would save the district roughly \$20,000 in utility expenses annually — a bill the school is currently paying to prevent cold-related damage to the now-empty building.

Trustee Janie Meeker questioned the proposed sale price, citing the district's extensive investment in roofing and heating system improvements to Campbell when voters approved a bond extension. She suggested that school officials obtain an appraisal before proceeding with a

"Is it too quick of a decision to make, given we just put \$2 million into it?" Meeker asked. "I think we owe the public an appraisal."

Board Treasurer Dave Osentoski also voiced concerns, saying the board should have a legal description of the building, as well as details of how a re-zoning of the property for use by the dental clinic will impact the school district's liability.

Osentoski also asked if selling the building's newer boiler system might be option as opposed to selling the building. However, Hartel indicated that removal of the heating system would render the building virtually useless, and razing the structure would costs hundreds of thousands

Board members Alice Zaleski and Sloane Stimpfel both indicated they're in favor of selling the building, considering the prospects of finding another suitable buver.

"We hung on to Deford (the former Deford Elementary School building) and look what happened," Stimpfel said, referring to the vacant and deteriorating school.

Hartel agreed to obtain an appraisal and approach the buyers with the board's questions and concerns, and board members agreed to vote on selling the structure during their next regular meeting in April.

BUDGET OUTLOOK

Turning to finances, Hartel presented the board with a budget outlook for 2013-14, using a number of funding and cost estimates.

The scenario projects a 2012-13 budget surplus of about \$200,000, with a fund balance of \$987,275 at the end of the fiscal year in June.

Hartel listed several anticipated budgeting "gains" in the coming year, including a state funding increase of \$34 per student (\$36,000), the end of retirement incentive payments to teachers (\$220,000), elimination of a \$2,000

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"Our loss is Croswell's gain," said

Cristiano. "It's bittersweet. We're happy for Sam, but will miss his

services. Our thanks go to Sam in his

handling upward of \$1 million in

grants for capital improvements in

Cass City. Under his direction the

swimming pool was converted to a

salt water system, saving thousands

of dollars in its operation. Sam's tal-

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Moore accepts position

as Croswell administrator

contract (\$144,815), the possible sale of Campbell Elementary School (\$85,000 plus \$20,000 per year in utility savings), and the retirement of a veteran teacher and no need to replace the instructor (\$100,000).

The total projected gains add up to \$685,815, according to Hartel, who also cited several potential losses. They include an additional decline in enrollment (20 students, or \$140,000 in state revenue), less "best practices" money from the state (\$39,000), and the cost of insuring additional employees Obamacare (up to \$100,000).

The total potential losses add up to \$356,000, leaving a positive figure of nearly \$330,000.

However, Hartel said the board has several possible expenses to consider; the cost of a high school social worker (\$60,000), for example, along with hiring one early elementary teacher (\$60,000 for a first-year instructor), classroom "overload" pay if another teacher is not hired \$55,000, and hiring a part-time special education teacher (\$22,500). Another unknown factor is how a new contract for the district's teachers — now being negotiated — will impact the budget.

While Hartel emphasized the numbers are preliminary at best, he pointed out they also indicate the Cass City Public Schools will be on solid fiscal ground in the coming year, a welcome relief after being forced to implement millions of dollars in spending cuts over the past 3 years

"We still have some things we have to take care of. We'll know more in 2 months, but it gives us a starting point," he said.

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

•Approved the hiring of a new agriscience teacher/FFA Advisor. The accepted the recommendation of Russell Weyer for the position. Weyer, one of 6 applicants, is a firstyear teacher and Michigan State University graduate. He fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Ashlee Gibson last month.

•Approved a request from Al Maier, owner/CEO of Maier Driver Education School LLC, Palms, to offer a variety of driver's education programs through the district.

•Learned the district will be opening 3-year waste removal bids for consideration in April.

•Recognized Cass City's Tuscola County Spelling Bee representatives: James Lefler, Abigail Phillips and Chloee Russell, and alternates Hall Kucharczyk, Jacob Shantz and payment to teachers under a previous Alexis Bogart-Veneziano.

President Carl Palmateer, wrote in

his resignation letter to Cristiano that

he is truly grateful for all the oppor-

tunities the village has given him

over the past 4 years. "I have

reached a point in my career and life

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also during the 25-minute session,

Zawilinski's motion to receive and

open bids for a 33,000-GVW dump

truck in accordance with village

specifications on Wednesday, April

17, at 2 pm at the municipal building

The truck will replace a 1991 Ford

was approved.

Moore, who was presented a certifiblade truck that is in need of contin-

cate of appreciation by Village uous repair, according to Zawilinski.

where I need to move on," he said.

egal Notices

amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 27, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC.

Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041

File No. 13-002372

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damage to the property during the redemption peri-

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 18, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West 220 Feet, thence North 626 Feet, thence East 220 Feet, thence South 626 Feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961. pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemp-

Dated: March 20, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leo R. Wright and Mary Wright, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Arbor Mortgage Corporation, its successors or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2008 and recorded November 25, 2008 in Liber 1162, Page 898, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank. National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Seven and 27/100 Dollars (\$156,137.27) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 25, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan: The West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, except commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 5; thence East on the quarter line 125 feet; thence South 1045.3 feet; thence West 124 feet; thence North on the North and South quarter line 1045.3 feet to the point of beginning. Also except commencing 330 feet West of the Southeast corner of the West half of the Southeast quarter; thence North 80 rods; thence West 20 rods; thence South 80 rods; thence East 20 rods to the point of beginning. Also except commencing at the Southeast corner of the West half of the Southeast quarter; thence West 330 feet; thence North 80 rods; thence East 330 feet; thence South 80 rods to the point of beginning. Also except the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case

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the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seven TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mort-Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$73,207.28), gagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damincluding interest at 5.250% per annum

ages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortsome part of them, at public venue, front entrance of gage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro,

> Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on

April 25, 2013.

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> MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Mortgagee/Assignee

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 4, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning distant South 200.00 feet along the East line of said Section 4 from the Northeast corner of the South half of the said Southeast Quarter; (said Place of Beginning situated South 1518.29 feet along said East Section line from the East Quarter corner of said Section 4); thence, from said Place of Beginning, South 185.00 feet along said East Section line; thence West 185.00 feet; thence North 74.00 feet; thence East 34.00 feet; thence North 111.00 feet; thence East 151.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 1398 Bradford Road, Reese, MI 48757.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 3/06/2013

CitiMortgage, Inc. Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-76827

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Oszust, A Single Man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp, d/b/a Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on August 3, 2004, in Liber 1003, Page 117, Tuscola County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Tuscola County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 13/100 (\$62,969.13) including interest at the rate of 8.88000% per annum

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 4, 2013.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Reese, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 5 and 6, block 12, Blackman's plat to the Village of Reese, a cording to the plat thereof recorded in liber 29, page 188 of plats, Tuscola County records. Commonly known as: 1938 Hudson St.

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 6, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-5 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Zandy Sol Borodychuk, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003, and recorded on November 26, 2003 in Liber 965 on Page 1340, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six and 81/100 Dollars (\$32,436.81).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 32 rods West of the 1/4 stake on the South side of Section 36, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, Columbia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan thence West 8 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 20 rods to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 13, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alana Eckenswiller and Doug Eckenswiller, Wife and Husband, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2007, and recorded on March 22 2007 in Liber 1114 on Page 3, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST. MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 as assignee as locumented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 33/100 Dollars (\$71,165.33).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Denmark, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 8 rods North from the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 7 East thence East 20 rods thence South 8 rods thence East 10 rods thence North 14 1/2 rods thence West 30 rods thence South 6 1/2 rods to the place of beginning Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 13, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Joinville, a single man, original mortgagor, to Franklin Bank a Division of First Place Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2007, and recorded on May 10, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 294, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 52/100 Dollars (\$136,882.52).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola

described as:

County, Michigan, Described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 8 which is East 1320.25 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence continuing along said South line, East 200.00 feet; thence, North 01 degrees 37 minutes 52 seconds West 233.07 feet; thence, West 200.00 feet; thence along an occupied line South 01 degrees 37 minutes 52 seconds East 233.07 feet to the South line of Section 8 and the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 13, 2013

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeremy D. Timm, a/k/a Jeremy David Timm, a/k/a Jeremy Dimm, a single man, and Tracy A. Oleniacz, a/k/a Tracy Oleniacz, to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or Successor Agency, Mortgagee, dated June 30, 2006, and recorded on July 10, 2006, in Liber 1087, Page 860, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and 28/100 (\$76,811.28) including interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Tuscola County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on April 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 19, Block 2, Westdale Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 24B, Tuscola County Records. Commonly known as: 802 West Sherman Street

If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 13, 2013

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

(248) 335-9200 Case No. 13MI00139-1

3-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Wright, married man and Susan Wright, to Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2007 and recorded January 31, 2008 in Liber 1140, Page 644, and , Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 89/100 Dollars (\$111,881.89) including interest at 5.88% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Tuscola Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 11, 2013.

Said premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The following described premises situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, to-wit: Part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 12, which is North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 1185.19 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 12: thence continuing along said line, North 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds West, 165.73 feet to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 12: thence along said West line, North 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East, 640.70 feet; thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 46 seconds East, 165.73 feet: thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 640.70 feet to the South line of said Section 12 and the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 13, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 13-001294

3-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jack M. Smith, a/k/a Jack Smith, and Carrie L. Smith, a/k/a Carrie Smith, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns. Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2009 and recorded October 1, 2009 in Liber 1184, Page 962, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by assignment dated January 9, 2013 and recorded January 16, 2013 in Liber 1269, Page 1267, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$147,633.65) including interest 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 11, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of holder for d Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are tion period. described as:

Part of the Northwest fractional one-quarter of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West Line of Section 18 that is South 840 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 18; thence South 370 feet along said West section line; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds East 495 feet; thence North 370 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds West 495 feet to the point of beginning. Reserving therefrom that part used for Vassar Road so-called. Commonly known as 8609 Vassar Rd., Millington, MI 48746.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 3/13/2013

Flagstar Bank, FSB Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-74948

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kristy McClorey, an unmarried woman, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 12, 2005 and recorded December 29, 2005 in Liber 1066 Page 911 Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, by assignment dated January 25, 2011 and recorded February 1, 2011 in Liber 1215, Page 1103, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$91,266.69) including interest 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on April 18, 2013.

Said premises are situated in Township of Columbia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land located in the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, being more fully described as follows: Beginning South 675.79 feet along the East line of said Section (Assessed as: beginning South 675.79 feet of the East one-quarter corner); thence South 175.00 feet continuing along sad Section line; thence South 88 degrees 15 minutes 07 seconds West 310.75 feet; thence North 175.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 15 minutes 07 seconds East 310.75 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4677 Colwood Rd., Unionville, MI 48767.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(e), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 3/20/2013

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series OOMC 2006-HE3 Assignee of Mortgagee

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FAMILY MEMBERS Ralph and Lena Dormey hope some area residents can provide them with some information and/or photos related to the old Cass City Roller Rink (located in what is now the Excel Group Call Center next to McDonald's), owned by the Dormeys from 1957 through 1959. photos shown here were taken at the rink and include a picture (at right) of (from left) Christa Dormey, Lena Dormey, Linda Dormey and Mary Ellen Kerr. Anyone with something to contribute is asked to contact Linda Dormey Watkins at (517) 617-2777 or via email at lcwatkins@yahoo.com.



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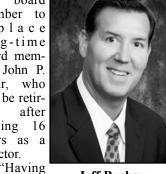
For questions about the health fair, please call Community Education at (989) 912-6365.

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TNB appoints Bushey to board of directors

Bank recently appointed Jeff Bushey

as an advisory board member to replace long-time board member John P. Kohr, who will be retiring after serving 16 years as a director.

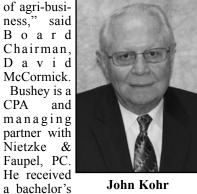


Jeff Bushey

Jeff join our board will ensure that we continue to provide the highest level of expertise and oversight to the bank, especially

ness," said Board Chairman, David McCormick. Bushey is a CPA and managing partner with Nietzke & Faupel, PC. He received

in the area



degree in business administration from Central Michigan University and earned his CPA license in 1987.

The directors of Thumb National He began serving as managing partner of Nietzke & Faupel, PC in 2009. Bushey devotes most of his time to agricultural accounting and travels frequently to visit clients throughout Michigan. Indiana. Ohio and Wisconsin.

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He is a member and past president of the Farm Financial Standards Council, a nation-wide organization committed to standardizing the reporting formats of agricultural entities. He also currently serves as the chairman of the MACPA Specialized Interest Leadership Committee.

In addition to his responsibilities and duties with Nietzke & Faupel PC, Bushey owns and operates a cash crop operation near his home in Caseville. He and his wife, Diane, have 2 teenage daughters.

Kohr will be recognized for his many years of service at this year's annual shareholder's meeting scheduled for mid-April.

"John's insight and service to Thumb National Bank over the past 16 years has been greatly appreciated. His keen business sense and expertise, especially in agriculture, helped the bank navigate through some difficult economic times and remain a sound financial institution both here in the Thumb and in our Bay City market," said Jay Dubey, president and CEO of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.

Green's bill would exempt VSOs from paying sales tax

State Sen. Mike Green recently introduced a package of bills to Foreign Wars, American Legion, and exempt veteran service organizations American Veterans, among others. (VSOs) from charging or paying sales tax on fundraiser revenue.

exemption to 501(c)(3) nonprofit local veterans, they are not offered organizations if their annual revenue the sales tax exemption. is less than \$5,000. VSOs do not qualify because they were originally chartered by Congress as 501(c)(19)

Green's legislation would make these veteran groups eligible for the exemption and increase the allowable sales threshold for all groups to closure. \$25,000. The threshold has not been updated since the 1990s.

"Michigan should recognize the critical role that local veterans marines," Green said. groups fill in assisting our veterans (R-Mayville). that, to me, is unacceptable."

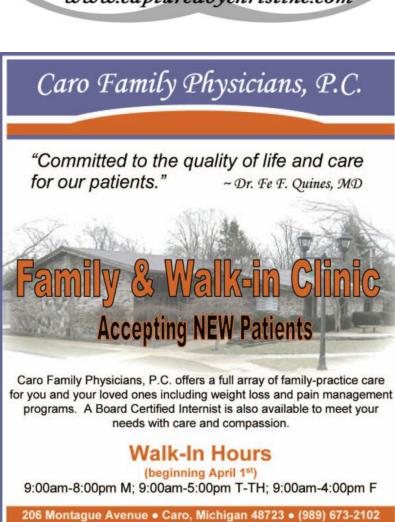
VSOs include the Veterans of Although VSOs provide extensive charitable and honorary services to Current state law provides an active duty service members and

Many local VSO posts are struggling financially due to declining membership, increased costs and tough economic times. While the legislation would have a negligible impact on the state budget, it could mean a lot for posts on the verge of

'This small change may be just enough to help a post keep its doors open and continue helping their fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and

During the 2011-12 legislative sesby treating them in the tax code the sion, Green introduced a similar bill same as we do other charitable caus- after a local veterans group in his district was subjected to the sales tax "Without these dedicated posts in on proceeds raised during a fundraisour communities, so many veterans er for a soldier severely wounded would fall through the cracks and during combat operations in Afghanistan.







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